



Salmon and hot dogs over the fire, canoe races, sunshine and plenty of Yuulu?il?ath Citizens and guests in Hitacu for Aboriginal Day on Sunday, June 21st. More photos on page 3.

Thornton Motel back in business this week

The Thornton Motel is open for business again two years after a fire destroyed the centre block of the motel. For the last year the motel has rented only four rooms and operated on a skeleton crew.

Motel Manager Jeneva

Touchie happily announced that by this Friday, July 3rd all of the rooms should be ready for rent. She was handed the keys to the new building last week.

Citizens who would like to see the new centre block rooms

are invited to tour them on Friday, between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Jeneva said as long as not all the rooms are rented, citizens will be able to get a peek at the new rooms and furnishings.

On July 9, 2013 fire ripped

through the motel which is owned by the YFN Management Services. The fire started when a guest accidentally left a stove burner on in one of the rooms.

Story on the new rooms on page 8.

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**Yuulu?il?ath Education
Celebration photos**

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Yuutu?it?ath Elders received cheques for \$1000. at a luncheon held on Aboriginal Day in Hitacu. Elders who attended the luncheon: Russell Roberts, Bob Mundy, Roberta Jones, Raymond Touchie, Marion Taylor, Bernice Touchie, Elaine Baird, Vi Mundy, Marlene Tomren and Dorothy Williams. Front row: Delores Touchie, Luke Touchie. Jack Touchie, Richard Mundy, Roy Barney, Larry Baird, Gordon Taylor Sr. Ronnie George Sr. and Sullivan Louie.

Photo by Iris Frank



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Hitacu, British Columbia

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The Administrative Assistant is responsible for providing administrative support to the Manager of Lands, Resources and Asset Management and the Departments of Lands and Resources and Asset Management in the administration of their operating and business affairs. **For a copy of the complete position description, please contact Iris Frank, Director of Operations (contact information below).**

Qualifications and Experience:

- Post-Secondary Diploma or Certificate in a Related Discipline (i.e. Business Administration, Secretarial, Office Administration)
- Grade 12 with related Post-Secondary Courses or formal training (Desktop Publishing, Geographic Information Systems, Word Processing, Secretarial, Office Administration, Communications, Budgeting)
- Valid Class 5 BC Driver's License and own vehicle
- Criminal record check
- Two to four (2 – 4) years Secretarial and Administrative experience
- Experience with Microsoft Office and Windows 7 preferred
- One to Two (1-2) years Desktop Publishing experience
- Experience in Geographic Information Systems
- Experience in the taking of minutes and meeting Rules of Order and Procedures

Please note that, in accordance with Section A 2.0 – 1, of the Yuutu?it?ath Government Personnel Policy, the Yuutu?it?ath is applying an aboriginal employment preference first to Yuutu?it?ath Citizens and second to members of other First Nations. In addition, the Yuutu?it?ath will request a Criminal Record Check as a condition of employment.

How to Apply: please submit your covering letter, resume and three recent employment references to the attention of Iris Frank, Director of Operations, by email (iris.frank@ufn.ca), fax (250-726-7552), by mail (P.O. Box 699, Ucluelet, BC, V0R 3A0) or in person (700 Wya Road, Hitacu, BC. For questions, call Iris at 250-726-7342, extension 206.

Closing Date: Friday, July 10, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

*Thank you in advance for your application.
We will be in touch with those who are shortlisted for an interview.*

Executive approves three land title transfers for citizens

There were three land title transfer approvals at the June 5th Executive meeting of the Yuutu?it?ath government.

The citizens who requested the transfers were: Connie Mundy, Lavern Williams and Russell Roberts. Executive member Richard Mundy removed himself from the vote for his sister's application for title.

Executive members discussed the process of advertising the land transfers; currently once the Executive approves the transfer it is posted on a bulletin board in the entryway of the government office for public comment.

The Nation was notified that the resource revenue for stumpage fees in the province totaled \$228,407 which is transferred to the nation as agreed to in the Maa-nulth Treaty.

President Les Doiron will sit as the nation's representative to the Mamook board of directors. Larry Baird had requested to be the government's representative on the Iisaak Board of Directors, however; that board is appointed by Mamook and therefore that request was denied.

The Executive removed Chuck McCarthy as the representative on the board of directors of Nuu-chah-nulth Seafood Development Corp. President Les Doiron said he would be in favor of having someone from the executive on that board instead. Alan McCarthy was appointed to board.

Executive member Richard Mundy said he would like to begin the discussion on communicating with citizens living away from home. He suggested having a strategy session with the Legislature and others. A date has not been set for that session, but members of the Executive discussed advertising the session to citizens in Hitacu and away from home to gather input.

The Executive also had a presentation from the Ucluelet RCMP detachment; details on page 10.

Community Newsmakers



Aboriginal Day
Yuulu?il?ath Citizens enjoyed Aboriginal Day in Hitacu with a salmon barbecue or kaças & canoe races at Sarah's beach.



Leadership Vancouver Island Grad held in Hitacu

Three Yuulu?il?ath citizens graduated from Leadership Vancouver Island recently, Debbie Mundy, Veronica Williams and Jaime Walton.

Suzanne Williams encouraged all three participants to join LVI. Suzanne was part of the first LVI group and was so enthusiastic about the program she not only encouraged others to join but she also became a board member of the LVI.

Veronica admits that she tried to come up with an excuse not to participate in LVI; however, Suzanne found resolutions to all of the road blocks that Veronica came up with and finally she agreed to participate.

"I'm so glad I was part of LVI. I joined for work and personal reasons. I wanted to work on my public speaking because I always had a fear of speaking in public," she commented. "When I first joined in September I didn't know what I was getting into and I was nervous. But as I got to know the participants, I built trust and it got easier to talk in front of them," she said.

Veronica learned to be an active listener. "My friend would talk to me and I would always cut her off," she remembered. "I don't know why I would cut her off and not let her finish," she laughed as



she recalled her behavior. "Now I've learned to listen 100 per cent," she said.

She talked about learning to get out of her comfort zone as a benefit of the LVI. In the past Veronica didn't always stand up for herself in certain situations and now she has gained the confidence and skills to do that. "Now I would speak up for myself and the more I do speak up the easier it gets," she said.

The LVI group works together at monthly sessions and also worked on a group project that participants work on. In Veronica's group they created a pamphlet/resource guide for expectant mothers. "We talked a lot about prenatal care and all the resources that are available for parents to access. For her part of the project Veronica had to

do research and contact the public health nurse to get information to include on the brochure.

Veronica learned how important teamwork is and that "anybody can be a leader." And through the program she's come to realize that her role as a front-line worker is an important one. "I've got compliments on how helpful I am when answering the phone and people's questions," she said proudly. "I would definitely recommend the program to others; it's an awesome program," she added.

Debbie Mundy also had Suzanne coaching her to join LVI. She decided that taking the course would be part of her professional development. At times Debbie wasn't enthusiastic about spending one day a month at LVI sessions; however, after the program was

over she reflected on all she had learned and realized just how much had been taught.

"In the beginning I was hoping to gain public speaking skills but in the end personal growth became more important to me. My active listening is better than when I first started. Now when someone's talking I'm not thinking about my response, but I'm actually listening to what the person is saying; it makes a huge difference," she said.

Debbie said the growth of cultural practices and awareness in the community in the past few years have shaped her views on leadership and the LVI program reaffirmed her belief that everyone has a part to play when it comes to community leadership.

"It's not just one leader but many leaders to help pull off an event," she said, adding that Yuulu?il?ath's Cultural leader, Lindsay McCarthy told her that everyone in the community has a role to play when it comes to strengthening the culture. Debbie said that the work she has been doing the last few years to promote culture through the Culture Night dinners and dance practice are an example of teamwork that benefits the community. She noted that with every potlatch and public gathering there is more knowledge gained on how to do things better.

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Anita Charleson-Touchie earns Master's Degree



Anita Charleson-Touchie recently completed her Master of Education in Counselling Psychology Degree from the University of Victoria. Her final project was titled *“Healing from an Indigenous perspective -Striving for Chaamapi (Flying right; doing right)”*. The highlight of her project included understanding Indigenous world view, Indigenous healing, and understanding the impacts of colonization and trauma on Indigenous people.

She also explored some of the challenges of using the western perspective when helping Indigenous community members. Her research also included a review of literature devoted to Indigenous healing methods and the sharing of her own personal healing journey.

Her research focused on an Indigenous world view and the idea of Hiišook?iš Čawaak, everything is one and all is interconnected, “It’s a holistic view and

it’s about the interconnectedness of everything,” she said. “I shared my own experiences in life and tried to bring it all together to help the reader understand the Indigenous world view,” she commented. Anita said because her project contains parts of her own private personal experience she is not comfortable with sharing the work publicly, however; she is open to sharing highlights of her research and hopes to do so at a community forum at a future date.

Her journey from the start of her Masters’ to convocation was a long journey, but each step in the journey now seems important Anita said, reflecting on the process.

In 2006 her family relocated to Victoria so she could start the Masters’ program on campus. She finished the core courses and practicum and then in 2008 the family moved home after her brother-in-law Evan Touchie tragically died. “It was too hard to be away from home,” she said. She called her former employer and got her job back. Completing the advanced degree was on the back burner for a few years.

She made a few attempts to jump back into the work of doing a major project, but there were obstacles and eventually she withdrew from the course. “I just about didn’t go back,” she said, “but I’ve had support along the way. My supervisor at UVic—Dr. David De Rosenroll gave me gentle nudges over the years,” she laughed. She’s grateful to have a supportive fam-

ily—noting that her husband Tyson, her mother Arlene Ganske and her children were all extremely supportive of her decision to pursue her Masters.

Last January she applied to the Yuułu?il?ath government for financial assistance and from January until April this year she buried herself in the research project. “I had to write my final project and a comprehensive exam and that was it,” she said.

“I really believe things happen for a reason,” she said, pointing out that in the time she was away from her studies, she’s been learning more about Nuu-chah-nulth culture and tradition. “Picking up more teachings allowed me to keep my Nuu-chah-nulth voice in my project,” she commented. She said it’s important to share with young people who are planning to go to university or college, that life away from home is very different. Anita said while attending the university in Victoria she felt as though she was experiencing life in two worlds—Nuuchahnulth and Western world’s respectively.

“It was culture shock.” During her studies on campus in Victoria she had to look at life through a different lens in order to succeed at university. “That cultural safety isn’t there and it can be a real challenge,” she noted. Anita said knowing who she is and where she comes from made her strong. “I often wondered what it would have been like if I didn’t have those roots,” she said. “Maybe I would

have been absorbed into mainstream society.”

When she returned to the university after being away for a few years, Anita noticed a big difference on campus that would make herself and other Indigenous students feel more at home. “There is a long house that wasn’t there before, a place for indigenous students to go hang out, a ceremony room, study room, and an Elders in residence program,” she said.

During her educational pursuits Anita has continued to work as the Regional Coordinator for the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council’s Teechuktl program which offers mental health resources to individuals, families and communities. Anita also acknowledges one of her greatest elder mentors late Ray Seitcher Sr. stating “he taught me the importance of treating people as Quu?as (human being) first and foremost. He also showed me how to connect with spirit in the work that I do.” Anita reflects that “when [Ray] started his journey his mentor was Jane Middleton-Moz and now she’s my mentor,” Anita said now that she’s earned her Master’s degree she’s noticed that more doors are opening. “Even before I started this journey I knew I wanted to do something that would contribute to the well-being of First Nations people and my community so that’s what I foresee down the road,” she commented. Her post-secondary studies are not over, but she will take a break to catch her breath before pursuing a PhD.

Suzanne Williams graduates from Ch’nook program at UBC

Suzanne Williams recently graduated from the Ch’nook Aboriginal Management Certificate program which is part of the Sauder School of Business at the University of British Columbia.

She won the bursary worth \$6500 from Leith Wheeler and began the program in January. The program covered a wide swath of topics including business leadership, entrepreneurship, human resources management, marketing, business strategy, operations and financial management.

Faculty members and Aboriginal business leaders from across the country shared

their expertise with the 20 program graduates who hailed from across Canada.

Suzanne has worked for the Yuułu?il?ath government for more than 12 years. She currently works as the Administrative Co-ordinator and is responsible for human resources, IT support, minute-taking as well as a host of other duties.

Last year she was part of the first graduating class of Leadership Vancouver Island’s west coast chapter and this year was part of the LVI board of directors.

Suzanne hopes to pursue a degree in business.





*Celebrating
Life-long
Learning*



Education Celebration honours citizens

Yuulu?il?ath citizens celebrated successes at the Education Celebration held in Hitacu last Thursday night. Deb Mundy and Veronica Williams hosted the event for the evening which attracted about 50 citizens and guests for dinner and the awards.

Guest speakers included Yuulu?il?ath President Les Doiron, Executive member Jeneva Touchie, Jennifer Touchie, Suzanne Williams and Emi Manson from the First Nation's Health Authority. Jeremy Valentine, who was one of two adults to receive his Dogwood Diploma from School District 70 (along with Terri Touchie), also gave a motivational speech about the importance of life long learning and critical thinking.

A number of Yuulu?il?ath students received scholarships; Aysa Touchie won the post-secondary scholarship for \$1000. There were two scholarships available however there was only one eligible applicant. There were \$200. Scholarships presented to students in each elementary and secondary school

grade. Winners included: Kathleen McCarthy, Chiara Alfaro McCarthy, Lindsay McCarthy, Leon Patrick-Nelson, Ethan Joseph, Martin Cook, Claire Cook, Alyssa Randall-Touchie, Evan Touchie, Jaden Touchie, Jaysen Touchie, Jada Touchie and Jade Touchie.

Anita Charleson-Touchie was recognized for earning her Master of Education in Counselling Psychology degree from the University of Victoria; Anita was not able to make the event but will receive an engraved silver medallion of the Yuulu?il?ath logo.

Other citizens who were recognized for earning degrees were: Aysa Touchie who will receive her Bachelor of Child and Youth Care from the University of Victoria in August and Desiree Givens Bachelor of Art History at the University of British Columbia. Jennifer Touchie was recognized for earning her Diploma in Infant Development and Supported Childhood Education from the University of British Columbia. Suzanne Williams was recognized for graduating from the

Ch'nook Aboriginal Management Certificate program from the Sauder School of Business at the University of British Columbia.

Terri Touchie and Jeremy Valentine were recognized for completing their Dogwood Diploma with the school district 70 Adult Basic Education.

Debbie Mundy, Veronica Williams and Jaimii Walton were recognized for graduating from the Leadership Vancouver Island program.

Nuu-chah-nulth Community Wellness Graduates: Debbie Mundy, Celena Cook, Jay Millar, Veronica Williams, Gloria Valentine, Lorraine Mundy, Bernice Touchie and Stella George were acknowledged. The First Responders were also acknowledged including: Stella George, Joyce Patrick, Celena Cook, Jay Millar, Trisha Miller and Lance Williams.

High school students recognized included: Ethan Joseph, Randi-Lee Williams McCarthy,

James Walton, Kyle Kervin, Kobe Little, Kathleen McCarthy, Maxwell McCarthy, Jade Touchie (all attending Ucluelet Secondary), and Jaden Touchie (Oak Bay), Claire Cook (International High School at VIU) and Chiaro Alfaro McCarthy, at Southgate Middle School in School District 72.

Elementary School students that were recognized included: Destiny Boucher, Byrson George, Johnny George, Peyton George, Mathew Jack, Angelina Louie, Anthony Louie, Dallas Louie, Jordyn Louie, Kaila Louie, Hannah McCarthy, Lindsay McCarthy, Nicole McCarthy, Anastasia Mickey-McCarthy, Daniel Mundy, Monty Mundy, Michelle Patrick, Alyssa Randall-Touchie, Serena Sam, Darryl Tate, Kaydance Titian, Evan Touchie, Jada Touchie, Jaysen Touchie, Hector Williams, Katherine Williams, Maria Williams.

Matthew Touchie-Edgar and Terrance Williams will be entering into Kindergarten in the fall. Pre-school students recognized were Jordan Touchie and Jamie Williams.

Yuulu?il?ath News



Thornton Motel re-build completed this week

Jeneva Touchie, manager of the Thornton Motel is expecting to be “slammed” with guests the moment the re-furbished motel is open at the end of this week.

The motel has been closed since a fire ravaged the 12-room middle block two summers ago. The re-build has been a slow-one with difficulties with the insurance coverage causing a major slow-down with the construction. But with the rooms now being finished off, the re-construction is now behind us.

We caught up with Jeneva during the last weeks of construction. She had just finished ordering the furniture for rooms and was awaiting the completion of the construction. “The beds, couches and linens have been ordered for each room,” she said excitedly. Now she’s waiting for the last minute details to be completed—phone installation, fire alarm testing, and

she still needs to order the TVs.

The rooms are beautifully finished with cedar ceilings and a vinyl plank floor that looks like the real thing but is easy to clean and durable. She explained that because of the wood in the rooms she ordered light-coloured furniture so that the end look of the room is not too dark. Four the rooms are in the basement, four on the main floor and four units on the second floor.

“I’m hoping to get a lot of business because we’re new,” Jeneva said. For the last year she has operated the motel with only four rooms available for rent; she’s looking forward the anticipated burst in activity.

On Friday Jeneva is inviting citizens to come and take a peek at the new rooms from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. providing they are not all rented out. She said citizens are welcome to stop by the office and she will give them a tour.



New Driver Training

L Workshop coming to Tofino

2 day workshop, Seats are limited!



Get Ready to Take the “L” Exam!

Nuu-chah-nulth Employment & Training Program will be delivering the “Prepare for the Test” workshop, which is designed to prepare you to write the exam for the Class 7 Learner’s Permit.



Date: July 14 & 15, 2015

Time: 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Location: Tofino Community Theatre

Those interested need to ensure they have primary ID: Birth Certificate, Passport or BC ID, and a **secondary piece of ID** such as a Status Card or Care Card. Participants also will need to have **no fines owing**.

Please bring any mobile/WIFI compatible device to do the practice tests online.

If you are interested in this workshop, the NETP office or Evan Hauser If you are new to NETP, ask for the Intake Coordinator to register!

Any First Nation, Metis, or Inuit person residing within in the Nuuchahnulth region is encouraged to apply!

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Citizens peek at new motel rooms

This Friday, July 3rd citizens are invited to take a peek at the renovated Thornton Motel rooms from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Motel Manager Jeneva Touchie said as long as not all the rooms are rented out, she will be giving tours.

Nation Business Opportunity

Seeking operator for remainder of 2015 to operate the Kwistis Feast House. Must maintain hours consistent with the Kwistis Interpretive Centre and ensure menu includes appropriate First Nation cuisine. Operator will remit 8% of gross sales weekly. Offer closes June 28, 2015. For more information contact Crystal Silva at YFN Management Services.

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Jennifer Touchie earns Diploma in Infant Development

Jennifer Touchie recently graduated with a diploma of education in Infant Development and Supported Childhood Education from the University of British Columbia.

"I was so excited. This is my dream come true and I couldn't believe it," Jennifer said following her Graduation. She worked full time in the NTC Aboriginal Infant Development Program (early outreach) while going to school for the last six years. "It took six years and I worked full time and it took six summers of my life," she commented. She said the program was offered to her through her

NTC employment. She currently does the Infant Development Early Years Outreach for the west coast and serves the communities of Hitacu, Ucluelet, Tofino and Tla-o-qui-aht.

She was thrilled to have her partner Colin Martin in the audience when she walked across the stage to receive her diploma and she was thrilled that her family got to watch the events on a webcast. She was also thrilled to receive her diploma at the same time that four other First Nations students received their doctorate and another First Nations student received their post-doctoral.

"We've been through so much in our life and I want my children to know that if I can do it they can do it and the possibilities are out there," she stated. Jenn graduated with high grades and said that once she had achieved the high grades it became somewhat addictive in that she wanted to continue to get high grades. "And once you keep the grades up there are lots of bursaries out there too," she stated.

She graduated at the Chan Centre, UBC on May 21st and said she will now spend her new found spare time enjoying life with family and gardening.



Carlos Mack named Lands and Resources Technician

Carlos Mack has been named the new Yuulu?il?ath Lands and Resources Technician. He will be in charge of patrolling the marine and land based Maanulth Harvest areas, monitoring, recording and reporting harvest activities and conducting food fisheries for the nation.

In the past five years he has done contract work with DFO and other environmental assessment groups, including stock assessment via river swims in the Nahmint River, Maggie River, Toquaht River and in Pipestem Inlet. He has also done restoration work on Twin Rivers, Toquaht and Maggie Rivers. He is a boat operator and has up-to-date Marine First Aid, Swift Water Rescue and First Responder certification.

Carlos said he is looking forward to his new job and "making sure everyone gets food" (fish) and helping to create "a sustainable fishery for the kids so there will always be food." He will also spend time in the Nahmint hunting area and said that last year's poaching of elk has had such an impact on the herd and he's hoping patrols in that area will curb illegal hunting. He will also be monitoring the fishing area and said he will be checking for harvest cards to ensure that citizens have them and are reporting properly.

Recently the Fisheries and food fish delivery reverted back to the government's control instead of with the economic development's Fisheries Limited Partnership; that means that the government will be responsible for food fish delivery and that will also be done by Carlos.



Yuulu?il?ath Citizens, Kyle Kervin (below) and James Walton (seated with grey hoodie) participated in car races at the Ucluelet Secondary School. Students carved wooden cars which were outfitted with a CO2 cartridge which acts like a small rocket for the cars which travelled with incredible speed.



He has more than 15 years of outdoor guiding experience, (canoe, white water rafting and snowmobile guiding) and graduated from an outdoor education program at Smithers Community College. He currently sits as a member of Legislature for the Toquaht Nation and holds the Natural Resources and Harvesting Portfolio. It's his first time as a councillor and his term is up in September.



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Food fish delivery

Food fish was distributed in Hitacu, Ucluelet, Port Alberni and Nanaimo on Monday and to Victoria on Friday.

The total sockeye allocation for this year is 7200 pieces and a commercial fisherman, Mike Bernit with his boat T-bone was asked to catch 5,800 pieces which were distributed.

The remainder of the allocation--1200 pieces, is left to be fished by individual citizens who record their catch. Citizens are reminded to fill out their catch reports as per the Harvest Card agreement.



Above: food fish delivery in Hitacu



Left: Michael McCarthy who works with NTC recently led a session on suicide prevention from a cultural perspective. Here the participants are shown enjoying lunch.



The Hitacu government building got some landscaping done last week, with dozens of azaleas, rhododendrons, ornamental grasses and trees being planted. The garden area will also feature two Hinkets masks that were carved by Clifford George.

NETP



List of Services—Central Region

Ever Wonder What We Do?

The Nuuchahnulth Employment and Training Program (NETP), is one of fifteen departments within the structure of the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council (NTC). Since October 1, 2010 NETP has been operating under the ASETS (Aboriginal Skills and Employment Strategy). As an ASETS Agreement holder, NETP provides employment related services and programs to all Aboriginal peoples living in the geographic service area covering the Vancouver Island West Coast from Ditidaht First Nation in the South, First Nation communities inland East to Port Alberni, to Ka'yuk;kt;h;/Che'ktles7e'h' First Nation in the North.

Employment Readiness Services	Employment Attachment Services
Work Experience Referrals	Resume and Cover Letter
Labour Market Demand Driven Certificate Training	Job Search Strategies
Trades Training Support	Interview Preparation
Employment Readiness Workshops	Work Gear and Clothing Support
Referrals to other services	Employer Partnership Referrals
Driver License and Training Support	EI Reachback Supports
Individualized Learning Support	Online Application Support
Career Planning	Labour Market Information
Employment Maintenance Services	Community Based Employment Projects
Job Coaching Support	Special Projects
Access to Additional Training	Youth Employment Projects
Re-employment Support	Employer Partnership Projects
Career Transition Support	Access to Wage Subsidy

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RCMP address the Executive

RCMP Sgt. Jeff Swan gave a presentation to the Executive about the three priorities the RCMP have set this year. They include crime reduction, reducing collisions and fatalities and increasing communication and visibility in the community. He provided some stats which showed a substantial reduction in crime in the last five years on the west coast. He said the RCMP still field about 1300 calls a year for service; however, the crimes are of a less violent nature, he reported.

Sgt. Swan also addressed a concern that citizens from Hitacu had been fined for hitch-hiking between the communities of the west coast. Sgt. Swan reported that the police are aware that many people hitch-hike on the shoulder of the road. He said it is not safe to hitch-hike along the travel portion of the road (between the yellow and white lines) and said it is also illegal to flag someone down for a ride unless there is an emergency.

Sgt. Swan also reported on the restorative justice program that is in place on the west coast and suggested that the group is always looking for more community involvement.

Community Newsmakers



Volunteers from Yuułu?il?ath government ran a water station for the Edge to Edge marathon on June 14th. Above, Gordon Taylor and Debbie Mundy share a laugh; the other pictures of volunteers handing out water and Gatorade to runners: volunteers included Khia Little, Randi-Lee McCarthy Williams, Suzie McCarthy, Annie George, Celena Cooke, Debbie Mundy, Lorraine Mundy, Bernice Touchie and Les Doiron.



Overcoming the obstacles for youth employment

Jordan Benson landed a job recently working as a dishwasher and prep cook at Hanks Barbecue restaurant in Ucluelet. He is enthusiastic about working and was committed to getting to his job despite not having easy transportation.

“People will tell you they can’t get a job because they don’t have transportation, but if you want it badly enough you’ll figure it out,” he said. And he speaks from experience. For the first few weeks of his job Jordan pedaled a BMX bike with no gears, back and forth to work—an hour and a half each way. Sometimes his shift doesn’t end until after 11 p.m. and that meant that his ride home was in the dark.

The ride got a bit easier when someone donated a mountain bike to him and someone else donated a bike light. Now Jordan is saving his money to buy a scooter.

He likes the fast-pace at the restaurant and said the kitchen staff gets along well and they offer him training tips to improve his knowledge of food and food preparation.

He is grateful to Nuu-chah-nulth Employment and Training case manager, Evan Hauser who helped him get his resume ready and provided support in helping him find work. It was Evan who actually forwarded Jordan’s resume to Hanks, and once Jordan was granted an interview Evan drove him to the interview. Jordan was hired immediately following the interview.



“At first I was really skepti-

cal about joining Evan’s programming but through the classes they helped build confidence and social skills,” he commented. “If it weren’t for Evan I probably would have still been sitting on the couch being lazy,” he said.

Last year Jordan was part of a Blade-runners program that was offered in Hitacu through NETP. During that course he was able to obtain his certification in FoodSafe and Serving it Right, which are required to work in the restaurant industry. That certification plus his experience working at a restaurant in Victoria while he was in high school, helped him to land the job.

Jordan’s older brother Richard

Mundy is his mentor; Richard also works in the restaurant business as a cook at Cynamoka Coffee House. The brothers occasionally volunteer their time to help out in the kitchen for various events in Hitacu, cooking or cleaning.

Jordan likes making a pay cheque; “I’m loyal to work because it will pay for everything you need. How else will I buy a scooter or anything else I want if I don’t have a job,” he asks. “And, I want my boss to see that I’m capable of moving the up the ladder,” he said confidently.

His advice to other job seekers? “Put your doubts away. I had my doubts about finding a job here but if you look hard enough and you have to work hard if you’re given the opportunity,” he added.

“There are good opportunities locally for training if you take advantage of them” he commented.

Language and Culture

Camp in traditional territory of Effingham Inlet at K^winiquł makes a great spot for teaching youth



Top left: Levi Touchie and Annie George look out from the cabin. Right: Kaleena George finds the perfect swimming hole. Annie enjoys the boat ride to the camp and below, Bernice Touchie and Trevor Wickham get a feel for the camp. Far right is the landscape that surrounds the area of the

the camp at K^winiquł in Effingham Inlet.



camp at Effingham Inlet. A summer camp has been planned for the youth and will take place this summer.



Happy 50th Anniversary



Bob & Vi Mundy
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